

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 53-58 are added. Support for these claims may be found in original claims 1 and 38-41 and in the specification, for example, at page 19, lines 12-16, page 38, lines 26-34, page 41, lines 1-6, and the Examples. It is believed that these claims do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believe to be in order and is respectfully requested.

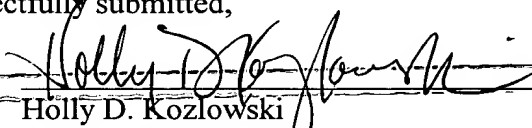
In the Official Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 1.21 between claims 1-44 relating to compositions, claims 45-47 relating to processes for manufacturing a composition, and claims 49-52 relating to methods of removing unwanted molecules or methods of cleaning. Applicants hereby elect the claims directed to compositions, namely claims 1-44 and claims 53-58 presented herein, with traverse. This election is made with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine claims 45-52 together with the composition claims. In particular, Applicants note that claims 49-52 are specifically directed to methods employing the composition according to claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of all of claims 1-58 in this application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner also indicated in the Official Action that if Applicants elected the composition claims, an election of a single species of buffering agent was also required. Applicants' hereby elect the species of buffering agent comprising citric acid or an alkali metal salt thereof. It is believed that all of claims 1-44 and 53-58 read on this elected species.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction and election requirements set forth in the Official Action. Accordingly, examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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